

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s):	Khalil Arar	Art Unit:	1637
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For:	FLUOROGENIC NUCLEIC ACID PROBES INCLUDING LNA FOR METHODS TO DETECT AND/OR QUANTIFY NUCLEIC ACID ANALYTES		

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) AND**  
**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS,

SIR:

In response to the Final Office Action dated October 25, 2010, please enter the following amendments and consider the remarks below in accordance with the Rules of Practice. Submitted herewith is a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and the requisite fee under §1.17(e), which provides an opportunity to withdraw the finality of any Office Action, and to enter and consider this submission. No additional fees are believed to be due with the filing of this paper. If any additional fees are necessary, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 50-1662.

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.